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SUBJECT: FINLAND'S IMPORT LICENSING CONTROLS

REF: STATE 187334

1. MFA OFFICIAL RESPONDED TO EMBASSY INQUIRY (AS INSTRUCTED IN REFTEL) CONCERNING FINNISH INTENTIONS TO CONSULT WITH GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES ON ITS NEW IMPORT LICENSING CONTROLS WITH FOLLOWING: (1) FINLAND NOTIFIED THE GATT ON SEPTEMBER 4 OF ITS IMPOSITION OF NEW IMPORT LICENSING REQUIREMENTS CITING ARTICLE 12 AS JUSTIFICATION. (2) FINLAND DOES NOT PLAN TO TAKE INITIATIVE ON CONSULTATIONS WITH CONTRACTING PARTIES, BUT IS PREPARED TO HOLD BI-LATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH ANY CONTRACTING PARTY REQUESTING THEM.

2. EMBOFF NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS TO RAISE THE POINT, THAT ARTICLE 12, PARAGRAPH 4 REQUIRES COUNTRY IMPOSING IMPORT RESTRICTIONS FOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS REASONS TO CONSULT WITH CONTRACTING PARTIES. MFA OFFICIAL PROFESSED SURPRISE TO DISCOVER THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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TEXT OF GATT DID SEEM TO IMPOSE FORMAL REQUIREMENT

FOR INITIATING CONSULTATIONS, BUT REPEATED THAT THERE  
WERE NO PLANS TO DO SO FOR THE MOMENT.  
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